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New Naval Base in Stalin

1. During the past two years the number of seamen at the Stalin Naval Base has appreciably increased. A new base has been built for naval vessels. It is located south of Stalin Harbor and halfway between the eastern part of the Asparukhovo Kvartal (ward) and the lighthouse on Galata. The new base is fully equipped and has several new buildings along the shore. The base was apparently built at the above location in order to be further away from Stalin and hence not observable by the population. It was probably built to accommodate the increased number of vessels of the fleet which can no longer be handled at the old base. The old base, located adjacent to the commercial harbor, is now used as a training base and harbor for small motor craft and its buildings are used to house non-seagoing personnel.

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2. The ship traffic in Stalin Harbor has increased. Because of the very strict security measures, it could not be determined if the unloaded cargoes were for military or civilian purposes.

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3. During 1953 and 1954 there were between 50 and 60 hydroplanes at the Stalin Seaplane Base.

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Recruit Classes in the Labor Service (Trudova povinnost)

4. Men from the classes of 1931, 1932, 1933, and 1934 are now serving in the Labor Service. Trudovaks serve 36 months.

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